[Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi]

and prohibition for regulating public peace. The District Magistrate has got authority to prevent processions within their respective jurisdictions, if they are launched against the peace of the locality. Subject to that, it is possible for everybody to conduct any manner of processions. If the honourable member will bring to the notice of Government a case in which the procession has been prohibited on insufficient grounds, I can assure him that a proper enquiry will be made and a proper reply given to him.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: Am I to understand from the answer that notifications published in the Government Gazettes banning processions in the State has been issued by Government?

President: Order, order. The answer is perfectly correct. There is no ban on processions. The District Magistrates have been given the authority to regulate the processions, an authority which is already vested in them under the Criminal Procedure Code. It is open to the District Magistrate of any district to come to the conclusion that a particular meeting, a particular procession or any particular demonstration is not in the interests of the public and is likely to arouse breaches of the public peace, and he has got the authority to prohibit the procession. That communique was published by Government for this reason. It was found that especially in Alleppey on the slightest provocation a procession was started and slogans were shouted and not one thousand or two thousand but fifteen thousand people gathered together in the streets, prevented the traffic and made things very difficult because the procession went on almost day after day. That kind of thing could not possibly be tolerated and it was found that as soon as any procession was started, all people who had no right to join it also joined the procession with the result that it became a kind of mass demonstration for reasons which many people who joined the demonstration did not know. Therefore the District Magistrates have been fortified in their powers which already vest in them under the Criminal Procedure Code. Government have not banned any procession as such.

Officers in the Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

212. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the Officers of the Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., as on 30-12-1945 who are drawing Rs. 100 and more?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*): That is an incorporated company over whose day to day management Government have no control.

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